

VIRGINIA DIVISION OF CONSOLIDATED LABORATORY SERVICES

NOTICE OF COVID-19-RELATED REMOTE ASSESSMENTS

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The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has prompted the need for establishing an alternate approach to performing onsite laboratory assessments to ensure safety for the assessed laboratory staff, and for accreditation body staff.

The Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS) is implementing procedures to conduct assessments remotely using increased focus on pre-assessment data package review and interviews done by video conferencing. These procedures are applicable to assessments of laboratories accredited under 1VAC30-46 or certified under 1VAC30-41, 1VAC30-45, or the Tuning Fork Protocol.

Laboratory assessments will be conducted remotely until further notice.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to Lab_Cert@dgs.virginia.gov.